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Romulus named 3rd in growth

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus has earned an important ranking, courtesy of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The group recently released the Non-Residential Development Study, which measures economic activity in various communities. The city is ranked number three in more than 100 Michigan communities analyzed for the study.

In the study – which measures square footage for buildings constructed in the seven-county region that makes up southeast Michigan in 2005 – Wayne County led the pack with 10.3 million square feet in development. The municipalities that topped the list are Detroit, with 3.6 million square feet; Canton Township, with 1.4 million square feet; Romulus, with 803,000 square feet; and Allen Park, with 762,000 square feet.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said he was impressed with the city ranking, but said there's a lot of effort behind the scenes to lure new businesses.

"I'm not surprised," he said. "We're working very hard to bring more development to the city, (Economic Development Director) Tim Keyes especially. 'It's a long process, though, and people may not see results immediately.'"

The study comes out each year, and SEMCOG hopes communities can use it as a tool in their own economic endeavors, said Janet Moadlow, a planning analyst for the SEMCOG Data Center.

"The level of non-residential development is a good indicator of where things are going in the region," said Moadlow, who led the study. "Really, all development is. We look at these numbers each year to determine what our overall economic forecast for our member communities will be. It gives us a better sense of where the growth is."

The study breaks down development into five categories: industrial, warehouse, retail, institutional and office. In Romulus, two industrial projects put the city in the top three

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Teaching the teachers

Thirteen students from the University of Michigan Teacher Preparation Program have hit the ground running at Romulus High School this year. The district has a cooperative agreement with the university to provide student teachers to the district prepared to take on classroom responsibilities. The student teachers are (first row, left to right): Elisabeth Tyzo, Nese Nasif, Barbara Applebaum, Victoria Henderson, Emily Linden, and Amanda Halash. In the second row are (left to right): Kristen Fanchea, Adam Hellenbuyck, Kevin Sawter, Jeff Wheeler, Scott Teasdale, Terrance McClain, and Matt Klauer.

60 win state college scholarships

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A new record has been set at Romulus High School.

This year, 60 students will pick up \$2,500 Michigan Merit Scholarship, four more than the Class of 2003, the former record holder. The awards are given out based on Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores.

Dan Hurst, the principal of the high school, said the school is elated that so many students scored high enough to collect the monies.

"Our entire staff is very pleased," he said. "We all work very hard to provide our students

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Getting to the point where merit scholarships are awarded is an arduous process for students. All winners must achieve Level I scores on math, science, reading, writing and science. Initial testing was done in the spring of 2006, but students were allowed to retake

tests in order to qualify for the award.

Level I status means the score must be above the state's pre-determined level of proficiency in a given subject.

Florence Saterlee, the head of the counseling program at the high school said many students had to test more than once.

"A number of students took advantage of their final opportunity to pass the one or two tests they needed to qualify for the scholarships," she said.

The Michigan Merit Scholarship Program was put into place four years ago to assist high-achieving high school students in

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Firefighters victorious in blood 'battle'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The tally of blood units was finally counted after the "Battle of the Badges" was waged in Romulus Sept. 11, and the winners are the firefighters and paramedics.

City Councilman John Barden, who helped spearhead the battle in Romulus for County Executive Robert Ficano, said Tuesday that the Red Cross blood drive was the most successful to ever take place in Romulus.

"Whenever something is needed, the people in Romulus always seem to step up," he said. "This is what a community is all about."

The blood drive took place at the Romulus Senior Center, where police and firefighters as well as community members lined up to give blood.

In total, 35 units were collected on behalf of the firefighters, and 17 on behalf of police officers. Eight people came out to donate blood for the first time, and two people were able to give more than two units each, accord-

ing to Red Cross figures.

The Battle of the Badges takes place each year in several communities in the five counties that make up southeast Michigan – Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Macomb. Though firefighters in Romulus have emerged victorious, the blood donations in other communities have not been counted. The Red Cross will have a final count sometime in October, Barden said.

The goal of the battle is to

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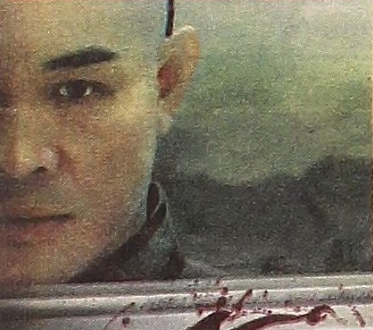
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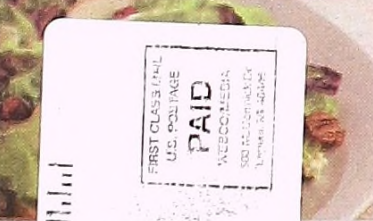
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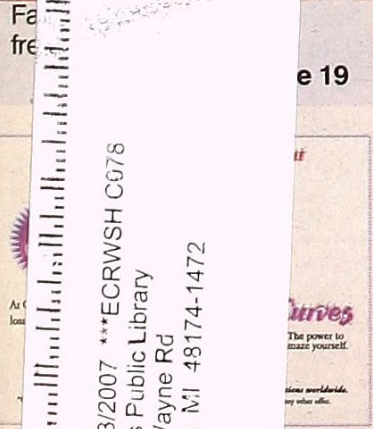
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Students may help rebuild historic Riggs house in Van Buren

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Riggs house could be getting some renovation help soon from the students of the Van Buren Public Schools building trades class. Township trustees approved the first steps to making that possible last week.

As part of the effort to bring the historic farmhouse and barn back to life, students would be the ones to renovate, restore and reconstruct the property.

Anthony Mulkey, parks manager for Van Buren Township, said the students will be doing this opposed to building a home, like they usually do for the class.

"The building trades class came to us and asked if there was an interest to have the students in the high school program provide the labor to restore the farmhouse and barn. After discussing everything with the school and township staff it seems to be a mutual benefit," he said.

During the past five years, the township has studied various plans for the property with the goal of developing it for community-based uses available to the public. The current township recreation master plan includes improvements for the area and, in 2004, Van Buren Township was awarded a parks and recreation grant from Wayne County to improve the parks. A portion of that was allocated to improve Riggs farm, but it's been difficult to find funding to improve the buildings, according to the officials.

The home was originally built in 1867 and still stands on about 31 acres of land on East Huron River Drive in the township. The cost to restore the structures to an acceptable level of compliance with current building access standards has not permitted the project to go forward, officials said.

However, the Belleville Area Rotary Foundation has expressed an interest in funding the building material portion of the project.

Smoke testing set in township

Until Oct. 13, Van Buren Township will conduct a smoke testing of the sanitary sewers on Haggerty Road, between Van Born Road and Ecorse Road in the township.

The tests are being done to locate areas where excess water is entering the system. Most of the smoke should exit to the atmosphere through the roof vent of buildings. It is possible that some smoke may enter the building if there are drains in the plumbing system that do not have

water in the traps. The smoke is non-toxic and will not harm people or stain any furniture or material and has no effect on plants or animals, according to officials.

More detailed information is being delivered to homes and businesses located in the area where the smoke testing is being performed.

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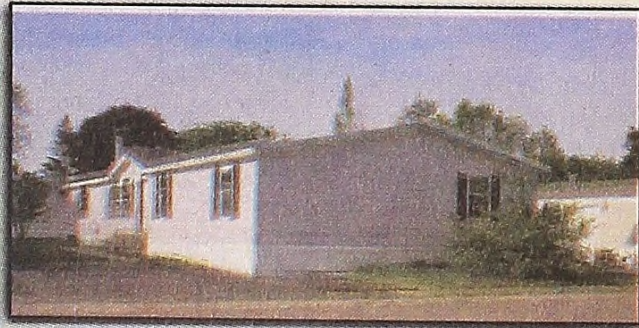
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Reaching out

Two young residents of Romulus were able to have fun at summer camp this year because of funds donated by Environment Quality and time donated by Councilman John Barden and his wife, Janice. As a result, EQ general manager Todd Brinkel (far left) and Barden (far right) received certificates for their efforts. Brinkel and Barden are shown here with students Megan Bratcher and Ruby Chacon (center, left to right), and Janice and Adrianna Barden.

Study - Efforts to develop city begin to pay off

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– the First Industrial Realty Trust Distribution Center and the Liberty Property Trust Distribution Center, which are 322,000 square feet and 425,000 square feet, respectively.

The fact that the city made its mark in industrial development bucked a trend seen throughout the state, Mocadlow said.

“The development that has been most affected by the economy is industrial,” she said. “This year, 23 percent of the development was retail, and only 20 percent was industrial. Developers are afraid right now to build warehouses and other sorts of spec (speculation) facilities because they are afraid they won’t find any tenants.”

Other projects under construction in 200 included the Bravada Plaza, a 41,000 square-foot retail center; and the Romulus Senior Center, which is 15,400 square feet.

Romulus struggled for many years to find adequate development for the city, despite the fact that it is home to Detroit

Metropolitan Airport, the ninth largest airport in the world. But during the past five years, the city has seen a boom in home building and commercial development, and will likely be home to a casino and racetrack sometime during the next five years.

The study indicates that regionally, residential development was down slightly from last year, from 17 million square feet to 15 million square feet, Mocadlow said.

“The slight drop that we’ve seen this year is more or less what we expected,” she said. “It’s not really very much to worry about. We did see a lot of retail development based on supply and demand – that is what’s keeping things going.”

The steepest drop recently was between 2002 and 2003, when non-residential development dropped from 29 million square feet to 17 million. The overall condition of the state economy was in part responsible for this, Mocadlow said.

Wayne County has fared relatively well, despite lackluster

statewide economic conditions. The county had a total development in 2005 of 10.3 million square feet, representing 31 percent of the region total activity. That development was an increase from the 9.3 million square feet of activity in 2004. Wayne County edged out Oakland, which posted 9.9 million square feet in 2005.

Dr. Mulugetta Birru, director of Wayne County Economic Development, said the county success is linked to residential development.

“We have a lot to offer here,” he said. “Wayne County saw 5039 new housing starts in 2005, compared to Oakland County with 4556.”

Mocadlow said the western part of the county always has a great deal of building activity.

“Western Wayne County is always a good place for development,” she said.

“This especially true of communities like Canton Township or Van Buren Township. There are several growing communities out there, so we always see favorable numbers.”

Award - Students set new scholarship record

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paying for college or vocational training. The program was nearly shuttered two years ago because of state budget deficits, but complaints from parents and students saved the program.

Another reason the program was created was to increase the number of college graduates in

the state. According to the Cherry Commission – a panel chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, fewer than 22 percent of Michigan adults have a bachelor’s degree – which is four percentage points lower than the national average of 26 percent.

Schools officials in Romulus are basing their current numbers on data from the MEAP scores

turned back to them by the state. But the Michigan Department of Education will not release their official list of merit award winners until this April, when all of the schools have tabulated the numbers.

Currently, separate House and Senate bills that would increase the award to \$4,000 per student are under debate in Lansing.

Battle - Best Red Cross blood drive ever for city

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curb the critically low blood reserves at local hospitals by calling on law enforcers and public safety personnel to donate blood. The concept encourages competition and drives home the point that a steady stream of donated

blood is needed to help emergency room personnel save lives.

The battle ran from June to September – a time when a decline in the amount of blood donated takes place.

Red Cross numbers indicate that this is the same time hospitals need to have a healthy sup-

ply of blood because more accidents occur during the summer months.

Barden thanked all of the city workers and residents who gave blood at the Monday night City Council meeting. He also said he hopes the battle will be waged again next year.

Suspect may be hiding in city

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Police are asking residents of both Inkster and Romulus to be on the watch for a man who shot at an Inkster Police patrolman two weeks ago.

Detective Colleen Kurth said officers are seeking Todd Selma, 22 and of Inkster, for shooting at Inkster Ofc. Anthony Abdallah, 39, after a vehicle chase on Sept. 15.

“We believe that he may be hiding in Romulus,” she said. “Some tips that we have seen seem to indicate that.”

Selma is described as 5-foot 9 inches tall and weighing 137 pounds. He could be wearing cornrows or have a goatee, Kurth said.

The incident in which police are seeking Selma began as a traffic issue at 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 15. Abdallah was traveling northbound on Michigan Avenue when he noticed a passenger car moving erratically on the other side of the highway. He went through the turnstile to pull over the vehicle, and it took off.

The car moved through a neighborhood followed by the police cruiser when it stopped on Ash and Cherry streets, police said. Then, Selma allegedly exited the vehicle and led Abdallah on a foot chase.

Police said the driver began shooting once he got out of the car. Abdallah returned fire, and neither man was hurt in the incident. Officers were unable to apprehend the suspect at the scene, however.

Wayne County Prosecutors have handed down a warrant for Selma’s arrest. He is facing charges of attempted murder, a felony punishable by up to life in prison; fleeing and eluding, a two-year felony; felonious assault, a four-year felony; felon in possession of a firearm, a two-year felony, and other charges.

Because Selma is a being charged as a third-time habitual offender, he could be required to serve double the number of years of any sentence, according to Michigan law. He has previously been convicted twice of fleeing and eluding a police officer.

Kurth stressed that Selma is considered armed and dangerous, and that police should be contacted immediately by anyone who may come in contact with him.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the suspect is asked to call the Inkster Police Detective Bureau at (313) 563-9856. To leave an anonymous tip, call the Crimestoppers hotline at 1 (800) SPEAK-UP.

News in brief

YWCA of Western Wayne needs help

The YWCA of Western Wayne County, which is headquartered in Inkster, is looking for helping hands to volunteer at various locations throughout the county.

Volunteers are needed to assist permanent staff members in a variety of roles, including office and clerical, after-school programs, building projects and communications and marketing.

The group is also seeking someone with special skills, such as web design or graphic arts.

“Volunteers are such an important part of this organization, and their hard work helps keep it running smoothly,” said Karen Murphy, chief executive officer of the YWCA.

For more information about volunteering, contact Tabatha Manuel at the YWCA by phone at (313) 561.4110 ex. 20, or by e-mail at tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org.

Chamber hosts election event

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has invited all candidates for statewide offices to the “After 5 Meet The Candidates” event.

All city residents are invited to attend the event, according to chamber representatives. The event is free of charge, but complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

The meeting will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Hotel at 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

For more information, call the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-4390.

Minister seeks supplies for New Orleans

Romulus Wesleyan Church members are seeking various supplies to help victims of Hurricane Katrina put their lives back on track.

Pastor Steve Adams said he is looking for supplies – and volunteers – for three planned trips to the flood area. The items that would be helpful are appliances, furniture, toiletries, cleaning supplies and building materials.

The trips are scheduled for Oct. 6-14, Oct. 15-21, and Nov. 24 through Dec. 2. The trip will cost volunteers \$200 per person, which will pay for fuel and meals.

Anyone who has questions about donations, or who would like to travel to the flood area with Adams is asked to call (313) 341-1511. Adams can also be contacted by e-mail at pastorsteve@trwec@sbglobal.net.

OPINION

Schools count on you

The day that school administrators look to with a mixture of concern and anticipation has finally arrived.

It's the official September count day.

The day actually came and went yesterday and the final figures weren't known at press time, but the preliminary results are fairly interesting.

Plymouth-Canton saw tremendous growth, again, in the student population. Northville did, too, although not quite to the extent that they had forecast earlier this year.

Communities like the Wayne-Westland school district—which is mostly built up and attracting limited new residential development—saw the student population decline, while Inkster saw an encouraging sign of luring students back from charter schools. Romulus about held their own, which is an impressive feat in its own right, given the kind of competition going on between them and neighboring school districts and charter and private schools.

Students face a lot of pressure these days. The outcome of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test is nearly constantly thrown at them. They're forced to perform more at a younger age and that is a good thing as long as it helps prepare them for an increasingly competitive future without sacrificing the aspects of life that lets children be children.

The official count day is important to districts because it is one of the factors they use to set their budgets. The number of students directly relates the amount of funding school districts get from the state and this is a sweepstakes in which it is better to have more younger students than older ones. The cost of educating a elementary or middle school pupil is generally less than educating a high school-er.

With the fluctuations in enrollment happening everywhere, it's difficult for school administrators to set their annual budget. If you add in the fact that they operate on a different financial timetable as the State of Michigan, their forecasting ability becomes even more important.

Given all these variables, is the increased competition districts face amongst themselves and from outside schools a good thing?

We think so. We've always felt that public schools provide the best education for students, for the most part. The size and diversity of their facilities provide diverse educational experiences that can't be found elsewhere.

Even so, it's sometimes good to be looking over one's shoulder at the competition, constantly refining operations to be the best around. When that happens, schools can count on a healthy, happy student population.

A bold deadline, indeed

Those involved with the attempt to renovate the Historic Wayne Theatre set a new deadline last week.

It is a bold one with potentially grave consequences.

Members of the Historic Theatre Board asked city officials for yet more time to put together a plan to bring the theater back and come up with the money to do it with the caveat that if they were unsuccessful, they would give the property to the city.

The clock is now ticking for the historic structure which once dominated the skyline of downtown Wayne. They have one year to pull off their ambitious project.

This self-imposed deadline is both a call to action and an acknowledgement of the concern from city officials that this might be another

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WE'VE GOT TO FILL OUR CLASSROOMS
WITH CHILDREN WE CAN COUNT!!



A momentary lapse of reason

*"One slip, and down the hole you fall.
It seems to take no time at all."
—Pink Floyd*

My life changed a split second on May 26.

On my way home from a wedding at the Fox Hills Country Club, I approached the blinking light at North Territorial and Ridge roads in Plymouth Township. Suddenly, there was another car in my path; I had time to react—stomp on the brakes and swerve—but not enough time to get out of the way.

The next thing I knew I was throwing my weight against my door, trying to get it open. Glass and plastic was everywhere, a burnt electrical smell filled the air and someone was crying.

It gets worse.

Well, I had just come from a wedding. The policeman that responded to the scene—Off. Dan Kudra, from the Plymouth Township department—asked me that and I said so. Weddings and drinking go hand in hand, so he asked if I had anything to drink that night.

"Yeah, a few earlier," I responded. There was no reason to avoid it, right? He could probably smell it. He put me through the paces.

"My balance isn't that good in the best of times," I told him, thinking that at a moment like this quiet

articulation would be my best weapon. "I can't vouch for how good it's going to be after I've been in a crash."

It wasn't too good, as it turned out. I did OK with my ABCs and the counting, though. He told me he wasn't going to cite me in the accident; it had been the other driver's fault. I thought I was a few moments away from escaping the night without any further bad news.

Not so.

Kudra returned, an apologetic look on his face.

"This isn't my decision, sir, but my sergeant said I had to arrest you." He reached for his cuffs.

No problem, I told myself. Stay calm. Don't worry about it.

"Is that necessary?" I asked. "I mean, I'm the victim here." I gestured to my car. "My car is probably totaled; I'm obviously not going anywhere. This isn't something I do every day—or even often."

"I know," he said. "Your record's clean. You've been very cooperative and I know this is just a one-time thing for you. I've just got to follow orders."

In the booking room, I looked down at my cell phone. A few numbers programmed into it called out to me: Plymouth and Northville officials with

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Exercise your right to complain

Everywhere I turn lately it seems I trip over someone who wants to gripe about the government.

From the President and Congress down to city level politicians, no one is immune from the carping and complaining—and I'm heartily sick of it. Oh, it's not that I have anything against grumbling about politics. I carry on about it as much as anyone else and I enjoy it immensely. My aggravation stems from the fact that at least the last six people to do so have finished up their rant with words to the effect of "I don't vote because idiots like (insert official here) keep getting elected."

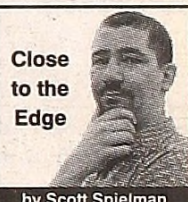
Everything about that statement sticks in my craw. I deal with politicians on a daily basis and while most are intelligent, reasonable people who are trying to lead to the best of their abilities, there are a certainly handful scattered about whose IQ, ethics, and/or abilities are a bit more, umm, questionable. True, good or bad, all of these people have, in fact, been elected. However, what people don't seem to grasp is that most of them weren't elected by much and that the decisions are often made by only a handful of votes. When voter turnout hovers at less than 50 percent—and dips much lower in some areas—you can pretty much count on that.

I don't care if you vote Democrat, Republican, Independent, or as part of a massive write-in campaign to get Steve Yzerman elected governor. If you want to help keep the "idiots"—however you personally define that—out of office, vote. Get your friends to vote. Encourage your family to vote. Remind the neighbors to vote.

To refuse to vote because the totals don't favor your preferred candidate is, to me, the equivalent of a little child who gathers up his toys and goes home if his friends don't want to play his favorite game.

Grow up, bite the bullet, and cast a ballot. If the vote goes your way, congratulations! You helped get or keep someone qualified into office. If it doesn't go your way, go ahead and complain, carp, write letters to the editor and to your congressperson, and let the world know your dissatisfaction. You've earned the right; you didn't sit passively back and allow that person you so actively disapprove of to be elected without a fight.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 7 election is Oct. 10. Register or pick up an absentee ballot, if you plan on being out of town, from your city or township clerk. It won't hurt—promise.



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Maybury Farm Corn Maze open

The first corn maze was such a success last year that it will again take place at Maybury Farm. The 12-acre site of baffling turns will be open through the end of October from 5-9 on Fridays and from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The last wagon from the Maybury Farm to the site leaves at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

"All of the money we raise goes to feeding the animals all winter long," said Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation.

"That's a big bill. We really need this event to be successful. We need to keep the animals warm and fed and all that good stuff," she said. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

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Theater

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in a long line of postponements of the inevitable.

The people involved with the restoration of the theater now have quite an uphill battle to fight. They acknowledge the difficulty in generating the \$4.5 million estimated to fully bring the theater up to code and construct a new front that will serve a variety of uses and ensure its long-term viability.

They have an advantage, too; in that the momentum is growing for their cause. The deadline will help that, too, we think. It will show the community that they mean business. It will show the community that they don't intend to hang around if their effort sadly proves futile. It's also an acknowledgement that they admit the mistakes of the past

and that they're going to work harder than before.

On the surface, it's easy to see they mean business.

There is more activity at the theater now than there has been in decades. Another benefit concert is scheduled for this weekend and other fundraisers are in the works, too.

They know they'll need more than a few concerts and some plastic piggy banks distributed in several stores and restaurants throughout the community. Those are more to generate awareness than anything else.

Hopefully, the community is now aware of the project and the effort it will take to bring the theater back to life. It's a good goal at a time when the City of Wayne is at a crossroads. Efforts continue to revitalize the downtown area and the theater could be a large part of that. It will just take a concerted effort from everyone in the community.

Sober

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whom I had a good working relationship. Would a call help?

"Is there someone you want to call?" Kudra asked me, as if he could read my thoughts. Most likely he just noticed me staring at my cell phone like it was a juicy steak.

"I should call my wife," I said. As a member of the media, I never thought I was entitled to any special treatment. Be respectful of the process, I told myself. Let them know without saying anything that they're making a mistake.

It dawned on me when they asked if I wanted to take off my shoes or just remove the laces that I wasn't going anywhere for a while.

Well, the best I could do at that point was sit down and take my

lumps. Maybe I'll earn some respect points for not demanding a 'get out of jail free' card, I told myself.

That didn't work either. In the hours I sat huddled in the corner of the cell, the gravity of the situation gradually sunk in. I thought of Lisa, worrying at home. I wondered what I would say to my 5-year-old son, Henry, when they arrived in the morning to pick me up. You think about a lot of things when you've got nothing to do but piss your way to sobriety.

Even then, though, I knew what the long-term effects of this ticket and arrest would be for me—personally and professionally. I buried my head in my hands and I started to cry.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of columns designed to look at the effect drinking and driving can have on one's life. Education is the goal, along with the hope that people can learn from my mistake and avoid one of their own.

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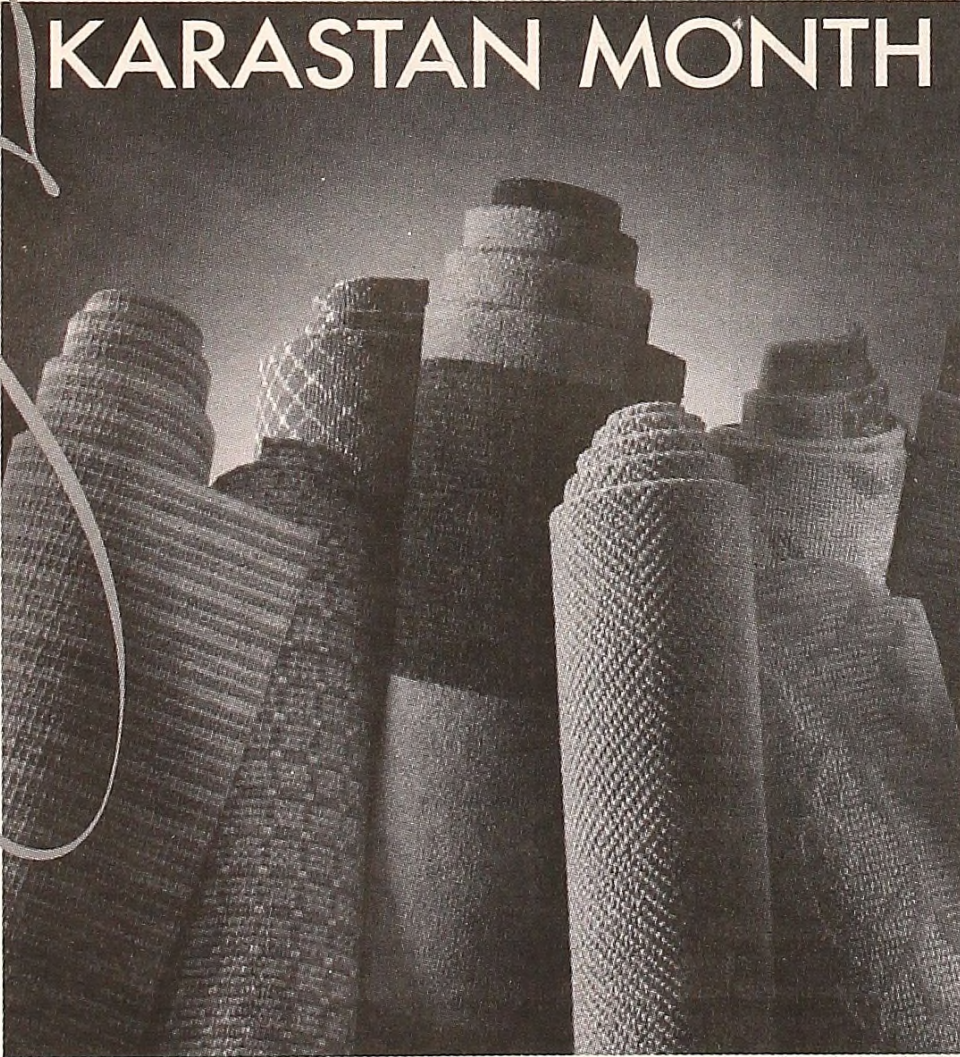
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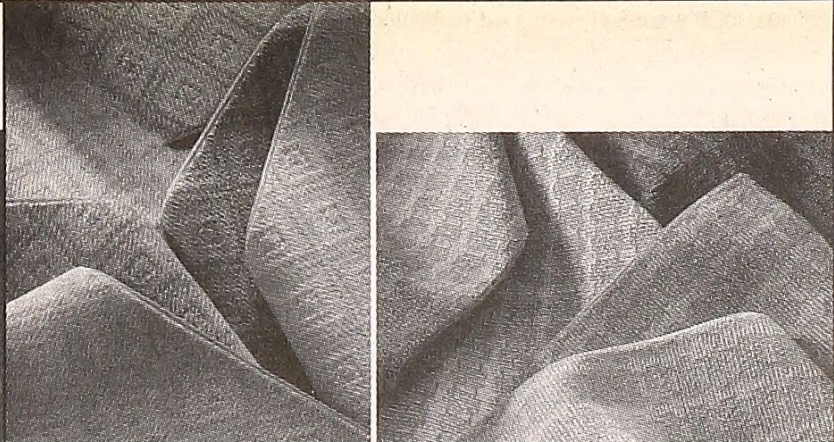
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Wounded Heroes

Concert will aid soldiers returning from service overseas

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Wounded soldiers returning from combat overseas can find assistance in Westland—and a fundraiser Saturday night hopes to ensure it stays that way.

The Wounded Heroes concert, scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on Sept. 30, is designed to both honor and benefit military members returning to the Westland area after serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Westland City Council member Robert Stottlemeyer is one of the organizers of the event. About three years ago he became concerned when soldiers returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan began to face abuse from some citizens—a situation that reminded him of Vietnam, he said.

So, with the support of the Westland City Council and Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, he decided to take action.

“We put a dance on two years ago,” said Stottlemeyer. “We raised \$48,000 for wounded veterans.”

Designed to be neither pro-war nor anti-war, the event instead focused on the aftereffects—the military men and women injured while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The decision to attempt another fundraiser for the same cause was simple, said Stottlemeyer.

“They’re still coming home,” he said. “It is, in my opinion, probably one of your best chances to make a donation so we can help the wounded. It’s a way to help show the wounded that we care.”

“We’re seeing more and more of them, as far as the Iraqi and Afghan vets go. You’re just seeing the tip of the iceberg right now. As more and more of them come home, the need is going to increase.”

Vince Berna

The featured performer at the concert, which is offered with the support of the Westland City Council and Cicirelli, will be country music singer Lee Greenwood, who is perhaps best known for his renditions of patriotic songs such as *God Bless the USA*.

Although the U.S. Army band originally expected to perform had to cancel, the opening act that stepped in to replace them, Karen Newman and Steve Aho, may be familiar to residents for their past performances throughout the area.

Proceeds from the event will be split between the Wounded Warrior Project and the Wayne-based Veteran’s Haven, both registered charitable organizations. After the last fundraiser, proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project were used to help meet the immediate needs of

injured veterans while the money provided to Veteran’s Haven provided relief on both a short-term and long term basis. The money raised by the concert is expected to be used for similar purposes.

As far as Vince Berna, president and founder of Veteran’s Haven is concerned, any funds raised through the concert will aid them in their mission to offer veterans in tough situations assistance.

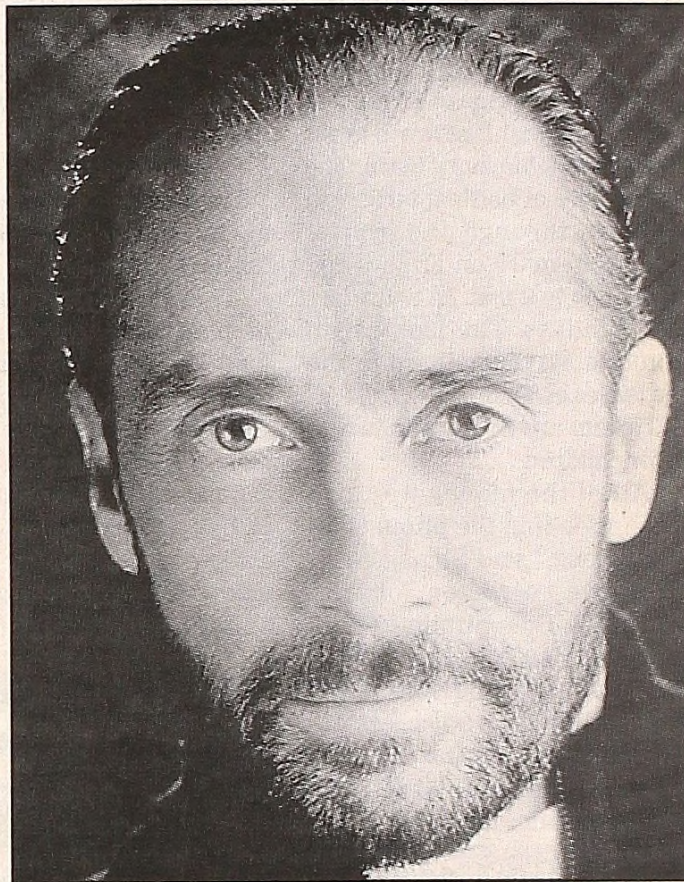
“Any kind of help they might need, we try to help them,” he said.

Although the group assists “thousands” of veterans each year, he added that most of them so far have been involved in past wars.

“We’re seeing more and more of them, as far as the Iraqi and Afghan vets go,” said Berna. “You’re just seeing the tip of the iceberg right now.

As more and more of them come home, the need is going to increase.”

He added that fundraisers like this one, which raise money earmarked for those soldiers, help to ensure that the group will be able to assist the veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan both



Lee Greenwood will appear in concert in Dearborn to benefit local vetrans retuning from Iraq and Afghanastan. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Performing Arts Center.

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Acceptable items include: bug sprays, floor care products, furniture polishes, metal polish, medicines, nail polish, cleaning products, transmission fluids, auto batteries, battery acid, brake fluids, car wax,

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Trustee Clair arrived at 7:39 p.m. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Parks Manager Mulkey, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-one (41).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lighting within the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and stated the Board has a packet of information including a Resolution to establish a Special Assessment District within the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4 which is located on the north side of Tyler Road between Belleville and Morton Taylor Roads. Director Kelley stated the developer of Walden Woods is requesting the Township establish a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights through the DTE Energy Company program. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments and questions regarding the setting up the geographic boundaries for the Special Assessment District (SAD). If the district is approved a second public hearing will be held in October for spreading of the assessment roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The initial capital outlay will be \$10,980 and is to be paid by the developer. The initial annual cost of \$2,895 is to be spread among the 81 single-family residential homes in Phase 4 with an annual cost of \$35.74 per lot. The other three phases of Walden Woods already have the same type of street lights. Supervisor King stated ten street lights would be installed.

A member of the audience inquired about whether her home was in this district and would benefit from the street lights. Director Kelley stated he would check the location of her home to see if she is within the Special Assessment District. A resident from the Homestead Subdivision Phase 4 inquired about the Special Assessment process. Director Kelley stated the first three phases of the Homestead Subdivision already has street lights and phase 4 will also get street lights. Further, this is one way of having the street lights installed through the DTE Energy Company program and it is up to each development to decide how their street lights are done. A resident inquired about the location of the street lights. He was given the map of the location where the street lights will be placed.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: On Thursday, September 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, September 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

An e-mail from the Governor's Offices stating Van Buren Township has been granted a State Revolving Fund Loan for the Equalization Basin Project.

Supervisor King read a publication from Senator Patterson that recognized "American Heroes Week" in Michigan. Van Buren Police Officers Ryan Bidwell and Alex Schulz were recognized for their professionalism as police officers and will receive Proclamations from the Michigan State Senate.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dearborn DPW yard, located on 2951 Greenfield Road. For more information con-

tact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

An announcement of a Consumer Forum sponsored by the State of Michigan Public Service Commission to be held at Wayne County Community College Downtown Campus located on West Fort Street, Detroit on October 10th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the Planned Residential Development Agreement between Van Buren Township and Van Buren Development, L.L.C. for the development and construction of the Victoria Park site condominiums, per the recommendations and approvals by the Township Planning Commission, the Township's Planning Consultant in a letter dated August 23, 2006 and a letter from the Township's Engineering Consultant, dated June 12, 2006; and taking into consideration the Memorandum from Director Kelley dated September 19, 2006 containing the corrections for the PRD Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Clair, Budd, Hart and King. Nays: Rochowiak and Jahr. Absent and Excused: None. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve Resolution 2006-32 in support of the request by the Van Buren Public School's Building Trades class to provide labor to renovate, restore and reconstruct the farmhouse and barn on the Riggs Farm, located at 43275 East Huron River Drive. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-33 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights in the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the first reading of ordinance 09-19-06 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended to rezone a parcel of land known as V125-83-122-99-0012-000 from M-2 (General Industrial) to C-1 (General Business), located in the northeast corner of Rawsonville and Martz Roads in Van Buren Township noting the following facts and findings: the request is consistent with the Township's Master Plan; the proposed C-1 zoning would permit uses compatible with the existing uses to the north, south and east of the parcels; and rezoning will not create an unplanned or spot zoned parcel of land. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 09-19-06 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Hart moved, Clair seconded to grant the request by the ELRO Corporation granting a 12 month extension of the Preliminary Plat approval for the proposed Bedford Cove Subdivision located on the west side of Elwell Road, south of West Huron River Drive, parcel number V125-83-113-99-0025-703 . Carried.

Clair moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointment of Michael Dotson as the representative from Wayne County Community College to the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2010. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the September 19, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the August 2006 Budgetary and August 2006 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Champagne stated the new Fire Station #2 on Belleville Road is in the final stages of construction with a tentative Open House the first week of November.

Parks Manager Mulkey announced the following events. The "Not So Scary Haunted Forest" will be held on Saturday, October 7th from noon until dusk at Van Buren Park. The "Haunted Forest" will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October beginning on October 13th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921 or the Parks Office at 734.484.3666.

The Belleville Area Museum will be holding a Brick Ceremony on Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 11:17 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Residents protest board approval of development

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Gretchen Nichols, along with other homeowners in the Homestead subdivision, are not happy about the new Victoria Park residential development in Van Buren Township.

"When I first bought my home about a year ago, I bought the plot because I thought it was going to be closed-off, quiet and in back of the subdivision. Now it's going to be a whole other set-up," she said during the township board of trustees meeting last week.

Nichols, along with many others at the meeting, are concerned with how the property value of their home will be affected, future tax assessments and environmental features of this new development.

"I'm concerned that building housing that's smaller and close to where I live is going to affect my property value," said Nichols. "I'm concerned with the difference in size, the price and the features. It will all affect my house."

Victoria Park, a 226-unit development to be located on the east side of Morton-Taylor Road and north of Ecorse Road, was approved for the planned residential development agreement last week by the board of trustees.

However, it wasn't an easy or unanimous vote. After more

than three hours discussion, Supervisor Cindy King, Clerk Joannie Payne, Treasurer Sharry Budd, and Trustees Lianne Clair and Phil Hart voted in support, while Trustees Walter Rochowiak and Jeff Jahr voted against the project.

"I'm voting 'no' because I've been against the way the planned residential development has been since the beginning," said Jahr.

The item was originally tabled at the Sept. 5 board of trustees meeting to allow board members more opportunity to look at the project.

Clair said after further review she felt the planning commission has been consistent in granting planned residential developments and her concerns have been addressed.

"While we all have our own opinions as to how a premier township community is achieved, we do not want something in the township that would negatively impact the tax base, our citizens or property value," said King. "This is the best that can be done. This is well over two years of work that has gotten us to this point."

Mike Sylvester, another resident in the Homestead subdivision, wasn't convinced.

"The fact is this will negatively affect our homes and I hope the board (of trustees) is prepared for that when tax assessment time comes," he said. "I've

heard a lot of opinionated statements. I know this is a different type of development, but I hope the same consideration is given to the people who already live here."

Bryce Kelly, director of planning and economic development for the township, said the development would not bring property value down because there is nothing proposed that's negative.

Victoria Park will include amenities like a 1.3-acre park,

paving improvements, asphalt bike paths and park benches. Homes will be single-family attached and detached house units to provide a wider range of housing product for the township. A scaled traditional design with large front porches and garages in the rear yard will be included with prices to start at \$240,000.

Sylvester said the builders

are prepared to do whatever they can to sell the homes.

"Not to sound trite, but we have heard everything that's been said 10-fold," said King. "I too mourn the loss of the rural features, like deer running through my front yard. I was born and raised here so I've seen the development. This has been the number one issue in the community for years."

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THE SCENE

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Fearless

Film is fitting tribute to retiring martial arts hero

Billed as Jet Li's last martial arts film, *Fearless* is a worthy vehicle to move the international star in a new direction.

It's not perfect by any stretch, nor is it as good as *Hero*, released in the U.S. in 2004, but it does provide some beautiful scenery, amazing fight scenes and a little bit of story thrown in for good measure.

The project was reportedly a passion for Li. It tells the story of Huo Yuanjia, the founder of the Jingwu Sports Federation, a hero in China for his role in inspiring the nation at a time when western influences belittled its residents.

The movie opens with Huo on the cusp of his greatest challenge, fighting for the honor of his country. He is matched against the four best fighters from England, Spain, Prussia and Japan. He quickly dispatches the British boxer, the Spanish swordsman and the Prussian soldier—mere caricatures dressed in their respective uniforms—and then awaits his fight with Tanaka, a Japanese martial artist who, we later learn, has never been defeated in combat.

The film then flashes back to Huo's childhood,

where we learn he was an asthmatic boy forbidden by his father to learn his family's martial art, Wushu. He is sent off to learn calligraphy, instead.

Huo, however is determined to learn to fight. He steals an instruction manual in the art and forces his friend Nong Jinsun (played as an adult by Dong Wong) to do his homework while he teaches himself the art of Wushu.

He and Jinsun go into town where a wide circular pedestal has been set up where warriors of rival clan routinely fight each other after signing death waivers. His father and a fighter from a rival clan are on the block that day and, after his father hesitates to deliver the final blow he is defeated. Youngsters from the clan then tease Huo and goad him into fighting. After he's beaten, he vows never to be defeated again.

Years later, Huo is a renowned fighter. He takes on all comers—sometimes five and six at a time—and then celebrates at Jinsun's restaurant, where he buys food and drinks for anyone who wants to become his disciple.

That, as we learn later, gets expensive and starts to drive a wedge

between Huo and Jinsun.

There is still one man that Huo hasn't beaten, though, Master Chin (Collin Chou), the man who defeated his father. One night, after one of Huo's disciples is allegedly beaten near to death by Chin, Huo swears revenge and, after nearly destroying Jinsun's restaurant in a spectacular battle, Huo kills the man, pointedly not hesitating to deliver the final blow.

Huo then goes off on another drinking binge and when he wakes the next morning, finds that Chin's son has killed his mother and daughter. He staggers out of town, his family's blood literally on his gown.

He soon finds himself, feverish and destitute in a small farming community that reminded me of *The Shire*, only with taller people. There he's nursed back to health, meets a girl and learns the restraint and

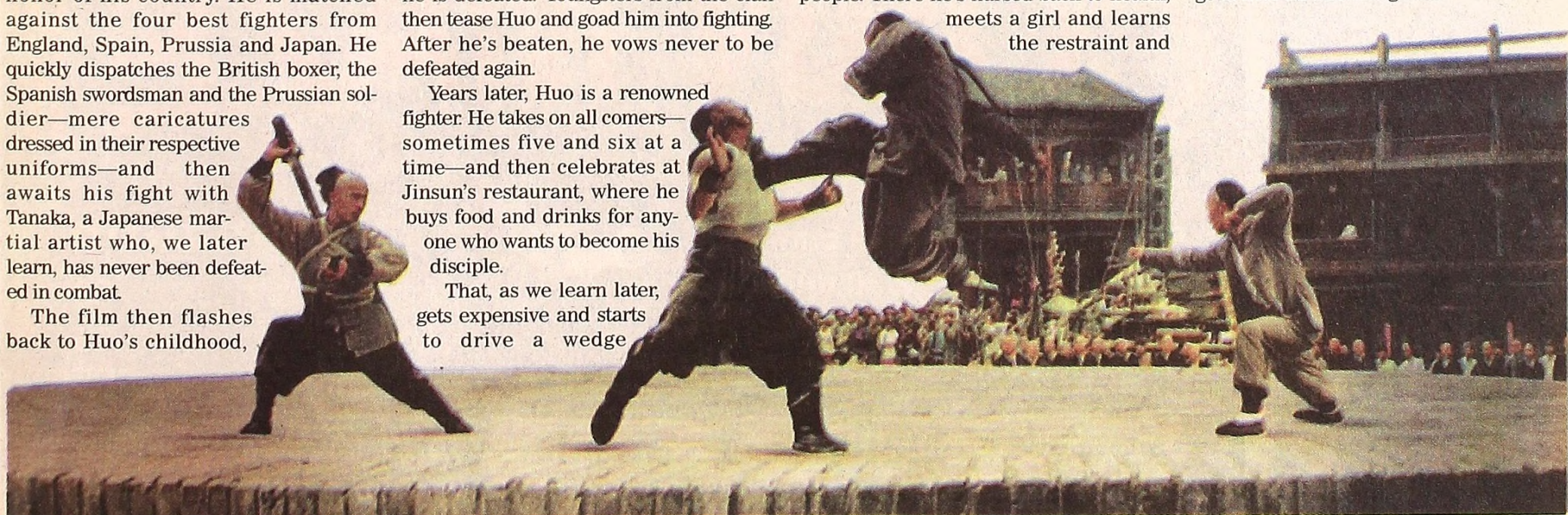
peace that should be at the center of Wushu.

Armed with this new knowledge and unhappy with the way his countrymen are treated in an increasingly western-influenced society, he returns to take on new champions, this time to inspire and encourage good sportsmanship.

The fight scenes in *Fearless* are among the best in any of Li's work. They're described as the 'real deal' with no wires or any other tricks used to accentuate the feats of gymnastic combat. I don't know if I believe that, for several actions defy gravity and logic, but it's still impressive to see.

Li shows he has some dramatic talents, too, although the story bogs down when the fists and feet stop flying.

Fearless is not a perfect movie but if it truly is Li's last martial arts flick, it's a good note on which to go out.



THE SCENE

Deep Sea 3D

Film is next best thing to being there

When you tire of special effects-driven action-adventure movies, sappy romantic comedies, or dramas that try too hard, there isn't too much left at the movies.

This weekend, driven by the need to find something new to review and to avoid the necessity of watching *Jackass Number Two*, I headed out to the Imax Theater at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn to watch *Deep Sea 3D*.

I wasn't sure what to expect, quite honestly. At best, I figured it might be like walking into a really stellar aquarium. At worst, I thought, it would be the aquatic equivalent of the mind-numbing nature films like those that I was forced to endure in junior high. I'm sure you know the ones—they follow a pride of lions as they prey on a group of gazelle-like creatures and then nap. Enthralling stuff, huh?

Turns out, however, I underrated *Deep Sea 3D*. A good documentary can make you feel like you're really there and this film takes that concept to a whole new level. The film focuses on some of the quirkiest creatures of the deep from around the world and offers just a glimpse into their daily lives. From giant squid and whales to coral and fish, virtually any sea creature you can think of is included.

The film focuses primarily on relationships and how animals seemingly at odds with each other can be mutually dependant on one another, such as giant turtle that need smaller critters to eat the algae growing on their shells. While that may have a sort of National Geographic special feel to it, the fact of the matter is this is a film with a real sense of humor that saves it from getting too heavy. And, no matter how hard the zookeepers try, the aquarium at the zoo just can't prepare you for this kind of vibrant, large-scale ecosystem.

Although the story is interesting and well told by narrators Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet, it is the visuals that truly make this an experience worth driving for. The 3D filming makes the effect absolutely stunning. It's

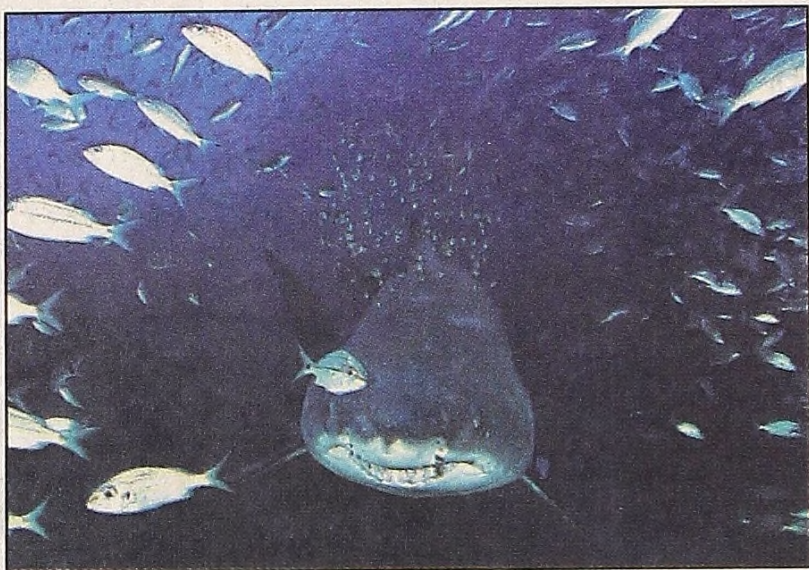
like being plopped down in the hidden niches of the ocean without the necessity of a scuba tank or a submarine to see the often

beautiful and sometimes scary world deep below the surface of the water. Viewers will feel as though they are swimming along

with the schools of fish or following close behind a shark as it lets smaller animals swim in and out of its mouth unscathed. In my opinion, it is probably the next best thing to actually being there—not to mention a lot less work than trying to borrow a submarine and less dangerous

than fending off errant sting ray barbs.

The film drags here and there and the occasionally preachy message may aggravate some adults, but quite frankly the scenery alone is worth the ticket price. The things you actually learn from it are just a bonus.



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SPORTS

Plymouth halts Northville homecoming hopes

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was the win that almost was for the Northville Mustangs.

Northville hosted Plymouth for an eventful homecoming football contest that resulted in a high-scoring, three-hour affair. Plymouth's Nate Gholston, on an injured ankle, scored three times in a five-minute span in the fourth quarter to spoil homecoming for the 'Stangs. Plymouth won, 43-32.

Northville had a 10-point lead at the end of the third quarter but Plymouth shifted their run game into high gear in the final frame.

Gholston pushed in a score from two yards out with 7:37 left in the game to make it a 32-29 game, with Northville in the lead. Then he broke free for a 49-yard run to give the Wildcats a 36-32 lead after the extra point by Jeff Lucco. With 2:20 left Gholston scampered 26 yards to put the game away.

It wasn't all Gholston. Plymouth's defense stepped up to the challenge, stopping Northville on two consecutive drives in the fourth. Plymouth also had a key 17-play drive at the end of the third that spanned 7:24

and ended with Gholston's first score of the fourth.

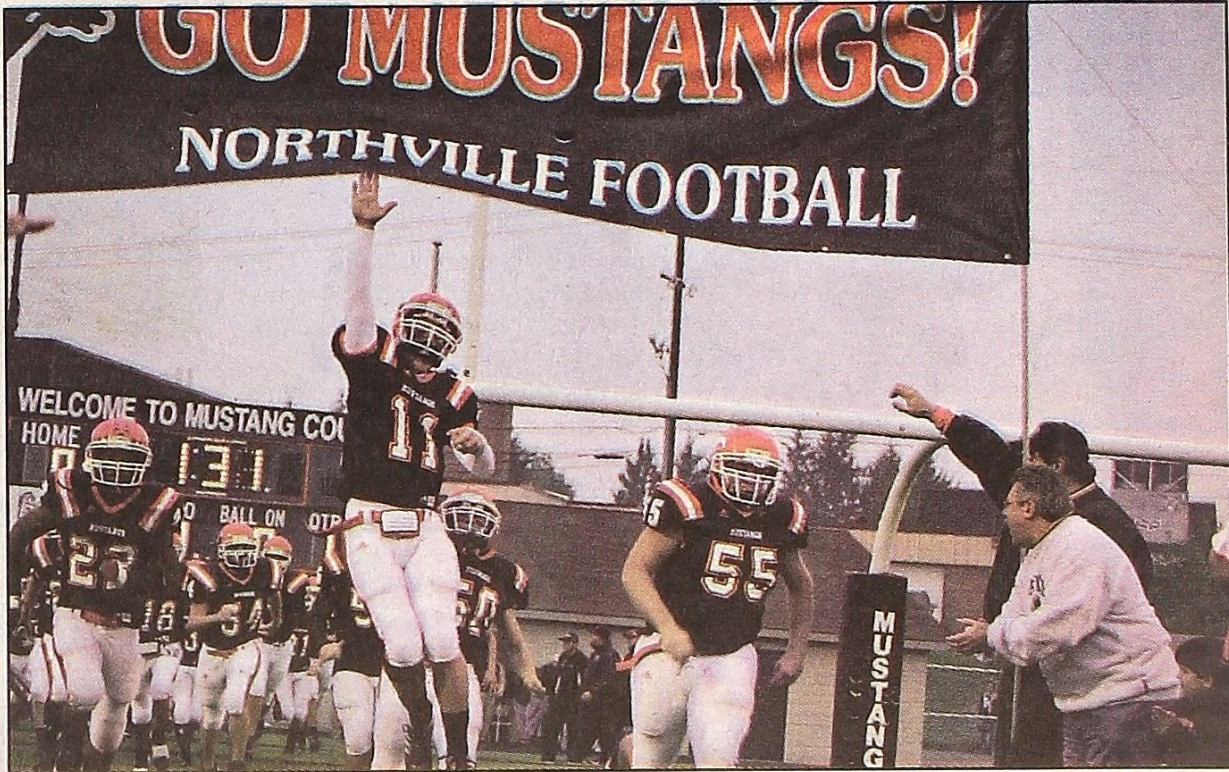
"We knew we had to keep their offense off the field as much as we could," said Plymouth Coach Jay Blaylock. "We made a couple mistakes on offense that almost cost the game but our senior Nate Gholston stepped in there and had some clutch runs for us. He did a great job."

"We needed a stop from our defense and they did an awesome job in the second half of stepping up and playing great," he added. "After we were down a couple of plays on defense they did a great job making the stops. Our offense and defense fed off each other to get us back in the game."

The first half was equally exciting.

Plymouth opened up the scoring with a 50-yard run by Vaquero Tyus. Special teams botched the extra-point snap but kicker Lucco scooped up the loose ball and pitched it to tight end Ron Goble for a two-point conversion and an 8-0 lead.

On his first play in for injured quarterback Mike DeLuca, sophomore back-up Matt Kreager—on a fourth-and-11 from Plymouth's 27-yard line—threw a perfect strike to Aaron



Northville players hit the field for their homecoming showdown with Plymouth on Friday. Plymouth overcame a 10-point deficit to spoil the night for the Mustangs.

Chew. His second play resulted in a two-yard completion to Andrew Devine to tie the score at 8.

Plymouth took the lead again on a 26-yard run by Tyus. Lucco's kick gave the Wildcats a 15-8 advantage. Northville answered when Kreager connected with David Burke for a three-yard

score. Max Bojovic's kick evened things at 15 with 10:35 left to play in the first half.

Northville's Doug Hasse recovered a Plymouth fumble on the Wildcat's next possession. That led to Kreager's third consecutive touchdown pass. That time it was a 14-yarder to Chew, giving the

'Stangs a 22-15 lead with 6:32 left in the half.

That was plenty of time for Plymouth.

The Wildcats put together an impressive drive that ended with Tyus's third score. The teams

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Kennedy spoils Belleville Homecoming

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Belleville started the celebratory homecoming weekend off on the wrong foot with a 23-14 loss to Taylor Kennedy on Friday night.

Turnovers, as they did the previous week, again hurt the Belleville Tigers' chances on the football field this time.

The Tigers fumbled in the end zone on their first possession. The Eagles recovered for a 7-0 lead. Kennedy recovered another loose ball at the end of the first quarter. The end result was another score, according to Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe. The Eagles missed the extra point, but carried a 13-0 lead into the second quarter.

Belleville bounced back in the second, though, scoring two times to take over the lead. Ken Jones scored the first on a three-yard lunge, cutting the Eagles' lead to 13-7. Then Shamon McGaughy scampered 33 yards for a score. The point after was good and Belleville took its first and only lead of the game, 14-13.



Ken Jones (24) makes a run against the Taylor Kennedy Eagles on Friday during the Tigers' homecoming game. Early turnovers put Belleville behind in the 23-14 loss.

A bad punt set Kennedy up on a short field from Belleville's 40. Five plays later they were in for a score, according to LaPointe. Belleville went in to the homecoming intermission trailing, 20-14.

LaPointe said his team had a touchdown run called back on a penalty that would have tied the game at 20 or given this team the lead with a successful extra point.

"We made some mistakes and that touchdown called

back really hurt," LaPointe said. "Our defense played pretty good. I think the difference was our kicking game—we gave them a short field to work with."

Kennedy finished the scoring with a field goal with about 3:00 left to play in the game.

Belleville finished with 214 rushing yards on 41 carries. Waseem El Awadi led the pack with 104 yards. McGaughy added 90 and Jones 20.

Belleville heads to Trenton for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Friday.

Vikings sack Melvindale, 24-7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

In spite of two touchdowns called back on penalties, the Inkster Vikings stood tall and overpowered Melvindale, 24-7, on Saturday.

"The first half was kind of difficult because we kept shooting ourselves in the foot," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "But we got it together in the second half and the kids realized that they are a good football team. We can't make as many mistakes as we continue to make. We won the game but we're not satisfied with our play; we think we can play better."

Inkster struck first on its opening possession with a 36-yard touchdown run by senior Anre' Goree. The extra-point kick sailed wide but the Vikings had a 6-0 lead with 9:07 left in the first.

Melvindale ate up 6:21 off the clock with a 13-play drive capped off by a 20-yard scoring run by Brian Patterson. Danny McKinney's point-after was good for the Cardinals to take a 7-6 lead.

Inkster had a 65-yard score from Tim Hogue erased with a holding call on its next series. Then a 29-yard touchdown pass from Aaron Shavers to Derrick Coker was called back because of

another penalty with 3:15 left in the first half. The defense remained tough and held Melvindale scoreless the rest of the way.

The offense got a break when a bad punt snap gained Inkster possession at the Viking's 35. That led to Shavers' 24-yard strike to J.J. Snelling with 4:34 left in the third. Snelling's point-after sailed right but the touchdown was the eventual winner—enough for a 12-7 lead.

The Vikes' defense came up big at the end of the period when the Cardinals were poised to strike on a 4-and-8 from Inkster's 9-yard line. Philip Moore broke up the pass play. Then Inkster drove the length of the field (91 yards) on 10 plays. Hogue capped off the sequence with a one-yard plunge. The two-point conversion failed but Inkster was up, 18-7.

Inkster's defense came up big again when Goree intercepted David Thornton's pass in the end zone. Goree capitalized on the turnover when he capped off the ensuing drive with a one-yard run with 3:35 left to play. The extra point was blocked for a 24-7 finale.

Goree sealed the fate of Melvindale with another interception with 2:38 left in the game.

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SPORTS

Tigers win nail biter at Southgate

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was a Mega Red battle until the final buzzer in overtime when Belleville and Southgate met up on the hardwood on Thursday night.

It came down to a leaning hook shot at the buzzer by Belleville senior guard Danica Holmes to lock the game away, 50-48, for the Lady Tigers. It wasn't an instantaneous shoot-and-score win. The ball bounced around the rim, rolled, teetered and finally fell in, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards.

It was the same effect that Edwards witnessed through the entire game but with a better result.

"There were so many balls that were in and out of the basket for us that it was ridiculous," he said. "I thought the same thing was going to happen with Danica's last shot. All I thought was I didn't want another overtime. Her shot finally fell through, though."

Belleville had so many shots bounce out of the hole that they were actually left scoreless in the second period. The "goose-egg" period allowed Southgate to move ahead, 17-11, at the intermission. Belleville outscored the Lady Titans, 11-5, in the first quarter.

Belleville got back on track in the third, scoring 14 points to make it a 31-25 game, with Southgate ahead. Belleville continued to battle in the final eight minutes. The Lady Tigers earned a 43-40 lead but in the final seconds Southgate's Lindsey Potter lobbed up a triple to tie at the buzzer.

Edwards was without his other top scoring guard Taylor Manley, who fouled

out with about four minutes to play. She still scored 13 before sitting down.

Holmes led the team with 25.

"We played them much better in the second half," Edwards said. "I told them at half time to stay focused and go out there and get it done. And they did."

Belleville made easier work of Ann Arbor Huron at Huron last Tuesday.

Manley and Holmes combined for 35 points in the 62-49 victory.

Belleville scored 31 points in each half to secure the win. Manley led the team with 18 and Holmes added 17. Courtney Holland scored 11 and was a force on the boards with 12 rebounds.

So far this season Manley and Holmes have been a dynamic duo to be reckoned with. In last week's two contests they combined for 73 points.

"They're playing great," Edwards said. "They go wherever the team needs them. They are very unselfish players and will pass the ball off to even those who aren't as good of scorers. They try to make everyone better."

The wins boosted Belleville's overall record to 6-1- a huge turnaround from their 3-4 record this time around last year.

"The girls played two tough games this week and I'm proud of them," Edwards said.

"A year ago these are games that we would have lost. This really shows how determined they are. They are very hard workers."

With Holmes and Manley scoring and Holland averaging double-figure rebounds, Belleville could be the team to beat this year in the Red.

The Lady Tigers will be tested on Thursday when they host Inkster at 7 p.m.



Inkster running back Tim Hogue (10) rushed for 97 yards and touchdown in the Viking's, 24-7, victory against Melvindale at home on Saturday.

Vikings

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Inkster improved to 4-1 for the season. The winning record is partly due to strong defensive play but the Vikings are also enjoying big plays from their offense.

Inkster amassed 237 yards rushing on 39 carries. Hogue led the way with 97 yards on 19 tries. Goree finished with 82 yards on 10 rushes.

Shavers was 5-for-15 for 123 yards and no interceptions. Renty Rollins caught two for 58. Coker had on catch but it was a spectacular diving one for a 39-yard gain to Melvindale's 1-yard line.

"What this game does for us is prove that we can beat a pretty good football team and Melvindale is an excellent team," Carter said. "To hold them to one touchdown is phenomenal and we got it together on offense. It means a lot anytime

you can beat a quality opponent."

Inkster heads across town to for a 4 p.m. match-up against rival Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Friday.

Lady Vikes win league opener

The Inkster Lady Vikings' basketball team bounced back from a disappointing loss to Detroit Pershing to win their league opener against Lincoln Park, 66-45, last Thursday.

"We played really well," said Inkster Coach Peggy Carr. "Everyone scored on our team. We started off a little sluggish but played good. Lonnie (Terrell) had a really good game and passed the ball really well."

Terrell led the team in scoring with 27 points, grabbed 12 rebounds in the effort and made seven assists. Brittany Scales scored 12 and led the team in rebounds with 15. Nadia Pack was the team's third player with a double-double on the night with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Brittany Teets scored 17 for Lincoln Park.

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SPORTS



Cousins battle in rival showdown

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's not quite at the level of Muhammad Ali taking on George Foreman, but the Chelsea Davis and Kelsi Robinson match-up is about as big as it gets in Plymouth.

Both are sophomore basketball players and, by the way, are cousins.

On any normal day the two are as close as any cousins can be and on the best of days they will even 'fess up to being best of friends. However, one plays for Salem High School and the other for Plymouth.

All of the family love and the friendly banter were shoved

aside last Tuesday when the two stepped on to the hardwood at Plymouth High School. (See game coverage at www.journalgroup.com).

A cross-campus rivalry game is tough enough, but to have to play against family on top of it?

"It makes it a lot harder," said Robinson, a 5-foot-10 guard for the Wildcats. "We play mostly for bragging rights for the whole year."

Robinson earned those rights when she and her Wildcats avenged last year's loss with a 35-33 win. That means she won't have to wear a Salem t-shirt at the families' Thanksgiving get-together—the family wager from last year.

Robinson and Davis both admitted that there is more trash talking during the week but come game time, the talking stops and playing starts.

"We just play the way we would normally play against anyone else," said Davis, a 5-foot-11 Salem player. "We love each other until 7:00. Now we love each other again—she's my best friend."

It's true. No words were swapped on the floor, but afterwards, they exchanged hugs and smiles.

The girls are even now—both were freshmen varsity players last year when Salem won.

Who will round three go to? "Salem," said Davis without batting an eye.

Homecoming

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went into the intermission knotted, 22-22.

Northville was forced to punt on the opening drive of the second half but Plymouth fumbled and Northville recovered on the Wildcats' 29. Dittrick Williams punched it in from five yards out, giving the Mustangs a 29-22 lead. Northville then recovered another fumble on Plymouth's 34. The Wildcat defense kept Northville out of the end zone but Bojovic split the uprights with a 21-yard field goal, giving the 'Stangs their 10-point lead.

"We have to learn to put the nail in the coffin," said Northville Coach Ryan Hockman. "We had opportunities. Our defense did a great job coming out in the second half and stopping them and forced some turnovers like we've been asking them to do. I got a little conservative when we had that 10-point lead. Our defense did some good things there but we can't keep putting our defense in those situations over and over. Our kids are disappointed, but they were out there working their butts off."

The conditions were less than ideal for Northville's passing game but Kreager scrambled, threw from the pocket and was an effective passer, even on the run. He finished with 207 yards and three touchdowns. It wasn't a surprise for Hockman.

"We knew he was a good player," he said. "He's been playing his tail off all season. We knew he was a player...that's why he's playing varsity. It was just a matter of time before he got his chance. The best thing is: we have him for two more years."

However, he said there wouldn't be a controversy if DeLuca is able to play next week.

"Mike is a great kid, great quarterback and a great competitor," Hockman said. "We always say you can't lose your job to injury and he will have chance to keep that job but he will have to fight to do that."

Blaylock, who had the same experience two weeks prior, was also impressed with the backup's play.

"He did a nice job," he said of Kreager. "We went through the same thing against Canton. We lost a kid during the game and had to have a kid step in. That's a credit to their coaches to have a guy ready to step in and run their offense."

"We changed one of our fronts," he added. "Our defensive coordinator, Mike Sawchuck, got in a 4-2 and that put a little more pressure on him and that helped. We got a couple of sacks in there and that all helped."

Tyus led Plymouth's ground attack with 183 yards on 25 carries. Williams led Northville with 125 yards on 17 carries.

Plymouth hosts Walled Lake Western at 4:30 pm on Friday and Northville heads to Franklin for a 7 p.m. kick off.



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SPORTS

Romulus overcomes Garden City

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles doubled up on their wins from last year when they defeated host Garden City, 30-14, on Friday.

The victory boosted the Eagles' record to 4-1.

Things started out shaky for Romulus but the Eagles managed to overcome the Cougars' 14-6 halftime lead by scoring 24 points in the second half.

Garden City drew first blood after securing a high pooch kick in the their own territory. They marched down field and scored with 9:21 left in the first period. With the extra point, Garden City led, 7-0.

Romulus retaliated with a 13-play drive that featured a six-yard touchdown run by Mario Crawford. The score was negated due to a holding penalty. The Eagles didn't recover from the blow and gave the ball up on downs deep in Garden City territory. With 1:53 left in the first quarter Donzell Carter, Steve Sanders and Antoine James teamed up to sack the Cougars' quarter-

back and forced a fumble that Romulus recovered on the Cougars' 28.

Crawford took it in from 25 yards out but was once again called back on a holding penalty. This time Romulus made good on their second chance. Ondre Mathews hit Justin Price on a 17-yard comeback

route that set up a 17-yard Crawford score as time expired in the first. The two-point conversion was no good, leaving Garden City with a one-point lead, 7-6.

On Romulus' next possession, Mathews was intercepted for a touch-down, which gave Garden City a 14-6 lead half way through the second quarter.

Romulus couldn't catch a break as a third Crawford touchdown—a 17-yarder—was called

back on a penalty. Romulus again turned the ball over on downs and Garden City ended the half with a punt.

Romulus coach Matt Ladach squared things away at the break. Although the defense didn't play bad in the first half, the unit stepped it up in the second. The

We overcame penalties and had to come from behind to win. It was a good learning experience for our team, and I am happy that we were able to come out with a victory.

Coach Matt Ladach

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ORDINANCE 09-19-06
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

First Reading of Ordinance 09-19-06, Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 10-03-06 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 09-19-06

To rezone parcel: V125-83-122-99-0012-000 from M-2 (General Industrial) to C-1 (General Business).

Legal Description of Property:

Parcel V125-83-122-99-0012-000 is located on the east side of Rawsonville Road and on the north side of Martz Road.

Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Clair, Hart, Jahr and Rochowiak.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 09-19-06 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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2. A resident of the state for not less than 30 days.
3. A resident of the City of Romulus.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election, if remaining such resident, shall be entered in the registration book.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that candidates for the following two proposals will be voted on:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
United States Senator
United States Representative in Congress
State Senator
State Representative
Two Members of the State Board of Education
Two Regents of the University of Michigan
Two Trustees of Michigan State University
Two Governors of Wayne State University
Wayne County Executive
County Commissioner
Justice of the Supreme Court - Vote 2
Judges of the Court of Appeals - Vote 2
Judge of Circuit Court - Non-Incumbent Position - Vote 1
Judges of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Positions Partial Term- Vote 4
Judges of the Circuit Court - Incumbent Positions - Vote 19
Judges of Probate Court - Vote 2
Judge of Probate Court - Non-Incumbent Position, Vote 1
Judge of Probate Court- Incumbent Position - Partial Term, Vote 1
Judges of District Court - 34th - District - Incumbent Position, Vote 1

and the following Proposals:

PROPOSAL 06-1: A proposed constitutional amendment to require that money held in conservation and recreation funds can only be used for their intended purposes.

PROPOSAL 06-2: A proposal to amend the State Constitution to ban Affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes.

PROPOSAL 06-3: A Referendum on Public Act 160 of 2004 - an Act to allow the establishment of a hunting season for mourning doves.

PROPOSAL 06-4: A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit government from taking private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

PROPOSAL 06-5: A legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels.

This notice is given as provided for in Section 168.480 and 168.648. of the Michigan Election Law.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS

Eagles

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defense held Garden city on the first drive of the new half. When it came time to punt JuJuan Whitlow made the Cougars pay. He blocked the punt into the hands of teammate James who returned it for a score. Jeff Williams ran in the two-point conversion to tie the game at 14 with 5:59 left in the third.

Then Mathews connected with James in the back of the end zone to cap off a 14-play drive that consisted of a fourth Crawford TD called back on a penalty. Crawford ran in the conversion, giving the Eagles’ the lead, 22-14, at 9:52 of the fourth.

The defense buckled down again holding Garden City to three-and-out for the third straight possession. This time Shane Wells returned the Cougar punt 72 yards for the final score of the game. Williams added his second two-point conversion of the night for a 30-14 finish.

“This was a tough game for our team,” said Romulus Coach Matt Ladach. “We overcame penalties and had to come from behind to win. It was a good learning experience for our team, and I am happy that we were able to come out with a victory.”

Mathews finished the night 8-for-17 for 102 yards. Crawford ran 10 times for 45

yards and Price caught five passes for 43 yards. Joe Kiesznowski led the defense with 10 tackles with one sack.

Romulus will host River Rouge at 7 p.m. on Friday for their homecoming game.

“River Rouge is an athletic team that is pretty diverse on offense,” Ladach said. “I am sure that they will be fired up to ruin our homecoming. We cannot afford to get off to another slow start.”

Lady Eagles fall to Flint Hamady, 68-49

The Lady Eagles had one bad quarter that allowed Flint Hamady to get away with a 68-42 win in the Romulus’ only contest last Tuesday.

The Hawks outscored the Eagles21-9 in the second quarter to take a 35-22 lead into the locker room at the half. Romulus kept pace with Hamady in the first, trailing only by one, 14-13.

The Hawks scored 19 to the Eagles’ 13 in the third and both teams scored 14 to wrap up the fourth.

“The girls played really hard and kept fighting the entire game,” said Romulus Coach Candice Finley. “They kept coming and didn’t totally quit, which was good to see. At the end of the game they were upset. That told me they really cared.”

Alyssa Long led Romulus with 14 points and 20 rebounds. Christina Barnett added 13 for Romulus.

The Lady Eagles open Mega play at Wyandotte at 7 p.m. today. Then they host Inkster at 7 p.m. on Tuesday—check www.journalgroup.com for updates.

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN– WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 10, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the township clerk’s office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

JOANNIE D. PAYNE, CLERK
734.699.8909
46425 TYLER RD.
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Qualifications for Registration

Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 7, 2006 Primary Election is Saturday, November 4, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk’s office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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THE CITY OF ROMULUS

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- BID 06/07-04 3 YEAR PRICING, GRAVEL, LIMESTONE, SAND AND TOPSOIL
- BID 06/07-05, 36 MONTH STANDARD MUNICIPAL LEASE, TWO COPY MACHINES
- BID 06/07-06, MUNICIPAL LEASE FOR DIGITAL MAIL MACHINE & SCALE
- BID 06/07-07, BIO DIESEL (B20) FUEL
- BID 06/07-08, STREET SIGN POSTS & ACCESSORIES
- BID 06/07-09, TWO YEAR CONTRACT FOR UNIFORMS, FLOOR MATS AND LAUNDRY SERVICE
- BID 06/07-10, TWO YEAR PRICING FOR TIRES AND TIRE REPAIR SERVICES

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A, Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing: Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us or on the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://www.romulusgov.com/index.asp?site=24&item=1441>
- (2)Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2006

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

BID # _____
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174

- (3) At approximately 3:15p.m. said bids shall be publicly opened and read
- (4) The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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1954 PA 188 Proceedings

Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for

Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4 Street Lighting

Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE WALDEN WOODS SUBDIVISION PHASE 4 AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4 Street Lighting Assessment District benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4 Street Lighting Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of \$35.74 per year per individual lot.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 4 Street Lighting District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on October 3, 2006 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Township Clerk Joannie D. Payne
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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1. Obituaries

HATHORNE-KELEMEN, Lisa Jo, Age 44, September 26, 2006. Mother of Lance and Rachel. Daughter of JoAnn Hathorne and the late Harold. Sister of Chris (Mary) Hathorne, Kay (Danny) Hansen, Curt (Denise) Hathorne, Virginia Hathorne, Lori (Jab) Babrock, Joni Campbell, Matt Hathorne and the late Barrie and Mark. Aunt to 15 nieces and nephews and numeras great nieces and nephews. Best friend to Stephanie. Very loving and caring, Lisa will be missed by many. Viewing Thursday 4-9pm and Friday 9am until her funeral service at 11am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne. Burial at Michigan Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society in Lisa's honor.

RAKOTZ, Shirley A., age 70 of Belleville, MI, died Aug. 19, 2006. Ms. Rakotz was a 1954 graduate of Romulus HS. She enjoyed talking on the phone, shopping, square dancing, camping, cooking, and ceramics. She was an all around "people person" who really enjoyed her children and grandchildren. Ms. Rakotz was preceded in passing by her parents Alec and Catherine (Clemmons) Clark. She is survived by her loving husband, Melvin B. Rakotz; sons, Phillip J. Rakotz of Van Buren Twp., MI, Michael A. Susan) Rakotz of Gastonia, NC, Douglas A. (Carla) Rakotz of Whittaker, MI, and Rob A. Rakotz of Van Buren Twp., MI; brother, William Clark of Canadian Lakes, MI; sister, Betty (Stewart) McLeod of Gladwin, MI and eleven grandchildren. Services were held at Faith United Methodist Church, Denton, MI with Rev. Beth Titus officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI.

RUSHLOW, Yvonne M. of Wayne, formerly of Ypsilanti, died Sept. 18, 2006. Among her survivors are her loving husband, Ralph; daughter Gayle (Michael) Mullins; son Richard (Rhonda) Rushlow; step-daughters, Linda, Brenda, Kim and Yvonne; step-sons, Richard, Donald, David and Leslie; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by her first husband Richard. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne, MI.

9. Lost & Found

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Attn: Human Resources, or fax to: 800-805-7479
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59. Auctions

NOTICE is hereby given that on 10/19/06 at 1:30pm, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at The Storoom Self Storage, 40600 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI: Space #1301-Kenneth Rose: TV/electronics, hshld.furnishings, boxes/bags, hand tools, recreation equip., other misc. items, tires, truck-bed toolchest; Space #1008B-Wanna Johnson: Other misc. items, boxes/bags; Space #522-Jamine Wardlaw: Hshld. appliances, TV/electronics, hshld. furnishings, boxes/bags, clothing, toys, office equip.; Space #531-Ruthanne Tackett: Hshld. furnishings, boxes/bags, clothing, toys, recreation equip.; Space #937-Carley Brunty: Misc. small appliances, hshld. furnishings, boxes/bags, other misc. items; Space #740-Travis Massey: TV/electronics, hshld. furnishings, exercise equip.

NOTICE is hereby given that on 10/18/06 at 1:00pm, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Stor-N-Lock, 7840 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI: G-26-Billie Jo Henry: Misc. small appliances, hshld. furnishings, hshld. goods, boxes/bags, toys, recreation equip., other misc. items; L-10-Samuel C. Quick: hshld. appliances, boxes/bags, hand tools, other misc. items; H-2E-Frederick Campbell: Hshld. appliances, misc. small appliances, TV/electronics, hshld. goods, boxes/bags, recreation equip., other misc. items; E-21-Rodney H. Geter: TV/electronics, hshld. furnishings, boxes/bags, office equip., other misc. items; H-12-Mark Coleman: TV/electronics, hshld. furnishings, hshld. goods, boxes/bags, recreation equip., office equip., other misc. items

Notice of Public Sale On Oct. 19, 2006 at 12:30pm, U-Store-It 401, 28266 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder by CASH all rights, title and interest to the following property:

D26, Leigh Lang: furniture, beds, bags, boxes; D82, Shannita Underwood: clothing, speakers, bedding, misc.; D86, Vincent Lizell Oliver: bags, boxes, keyboard, misc.; D96, Perry Lolowang: boxes, suitcases, stool, tv.

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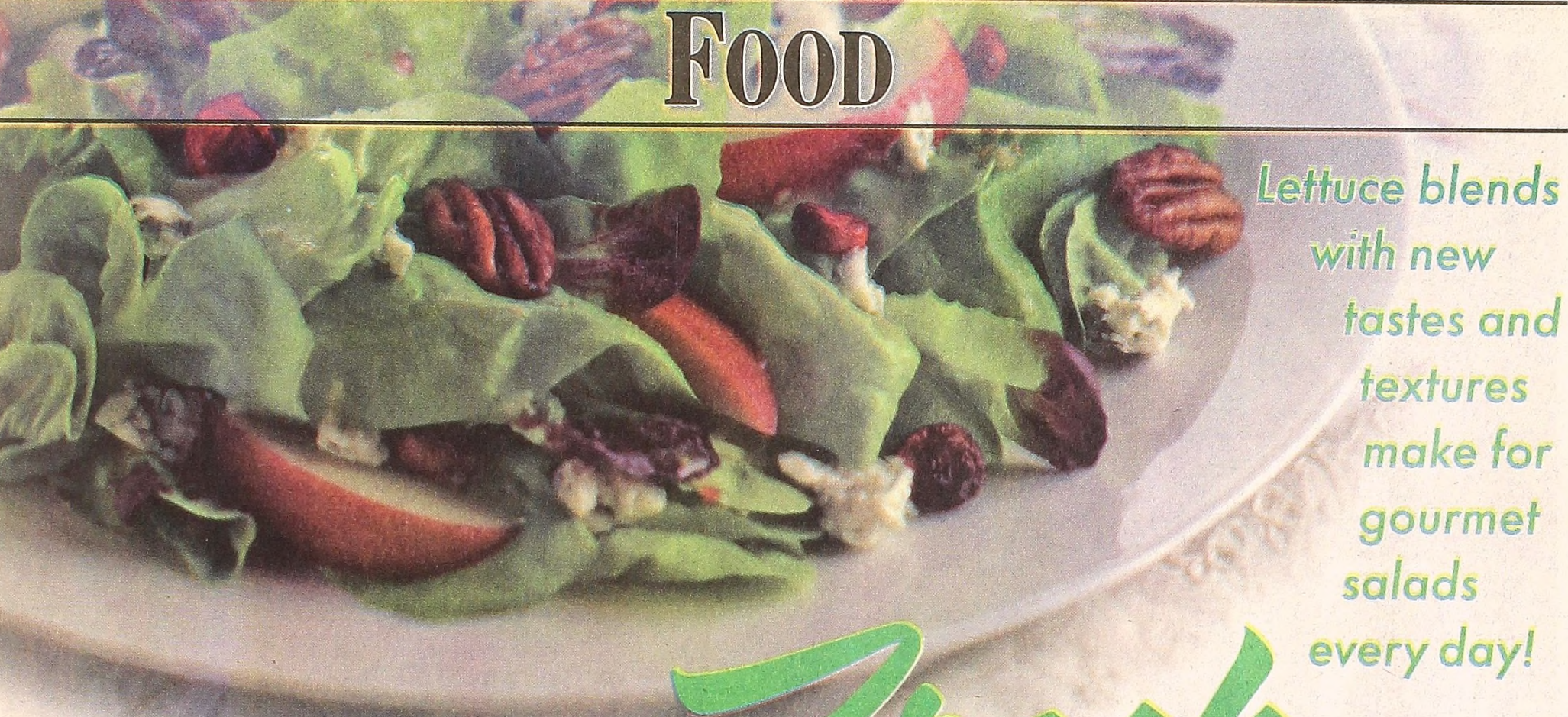
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Fresh Salad Makings Eighty Years Young

We don't think twice about the tossed salad or gourmet greens we enjoy every day. But this healthy American habit comes to us thanks to the vision 80 years ago of an early 20th century produce pioneer.

In 1926, Bruce Church in the Salinas Valley of California — today the “nation's salad bowl” — realized his dream of keeping lettuce cool enough to stay fresh for the first long train ride cross-country to folks “back east.”

For people who had to rely on what was locally grown or preserved through canning, fresh produce in the off season was nothing short of remarkable. The delivery of fresh, crisp head lettuce was greeted with enthusiasm, and crowds gathered at railroad tracks across the U.S. with cries of “the icebergs are coming, the icebergs are coming!”

Thus was born a healthful habit — eating salad daily — that Americans embrace today. Church's pioneering business grew to become Fresh Express, the creator of the fresh-cut ready-to-eat packaged salad loved today by millions of Americans. The company continues its commitment to delivering the freshest produce possible to supermarkets nationwide and is the industry pioneer and leader in freshness.

From a dream of bringing fresh, crisp and flavorful lettuce to people coast to coast, Church's legacy lives on in abundant new choices of fresh lettuce blends in the supermarket today.

So as you toss that fresh salad tonight, give a nod of thanks to a pioneer in the greens revolution.

FAMILY FEATURES

It's the same sad story this time every year: A dwindling supply of seasonal produce means farewell to summer's bounty.

Fortunately, there's delicious solace in knowing that fresh salads remain on the menu throughout the year thanks to a growing market for packaged, ready-to-eat blends.

It's a good thing, too. We Americans love salad and we enjoy creatively making salads distinctively our own with flavorful additions. Whether adding fresh and dried fruit, nuts, cheese, veggies, croutons and dressing — as long as we start with the most important element of high-quality fresh lettuces and greens, our salad initiative knows no bounds.

As nutritionists remind us to eat more produce daily, there is added incentive to keep a salad on the menu once or twice a day. A great salad starts with a foundation of greens — the

fresher the better. Shop for a variety of blends — lively colors, flavors and textures — to keep your salads special.

Modern fresh salad technology provides us with super-fresh, ready-to-dress salads, so salad making is a snap. With eat-out-of-the-bag convenience, taking a salad for lunch every day is easy.

Produce experts, like top salad-maker Fresh Express, continue to introduce new blends that inspire salad sensibility. Look for traditional favorites and exciting new blends like 5-Lettuce Mix and Sweet Butter. Continuing its historical beginnings as a leader in fresh lettuce (see sidebar on Bruce Church), Fresh Express is the only salad maker offering a freshness guarantee, allowing you to focus on what you do best — letting your salad imagination soar. For the latest arrivals in convenient salads, recipes and flavorful ideas, visit the Fresh Express Web site at www.freshexpress.com.

Creating your gourmet salad masterpiece

Keep several bags of blends on hand for making your own fresh, easy, distinctive salad every night. Go “gourmet everyday” by starting with a guaranteed-fresh salad blend and chew on these ideas:

Salad foundation

Make it savory

Sweet Butter blend
or
American
(iceberg, romaine and carrots)

Make it your own with:

Sliced or diced avocado, Swiss cheese, cherry tomatoes; diced ham, mango chutney, red onion; bacon, blue cheese



Make it tangy

5-Lettuce Mix
(5 European lettuces)
or
Riviera blend
(butter lettuce and radicchio)

Mandarin orange slices, sliced almonds, lemon peel; pomegranate seeds, crumbled blue cheese, orange peel; dried cranberries, grapefruit sections, avocado



Make it nutty

European blend
(romaine and green leaf)
or
Triple Hearts blend
(romaine, green leaf and sweet butter)

Almonds, hard boiled egg, cherry tomatoes; pine nuts, chopped beets, roasted red peppers; walnuts, dried cranberries, blue cheese



Make it crisp and crunchy

Field Greens
(romaine, frisée and carrots)
or
Italian blend
(romaine and radicchio)

Celery, cucumber, parmesan cheese; sunflower seeds, broccoli, red onion; apples, walnuts, Gorgonzola cheese, cherry tomatoes



Sweet Butter Salad With Mustard, Potato and Swiss

A hearty salad custom-made for cooler days! Serve alongside a grilled steak, pork chops or smoked sausage. Use ready-to-serve, diced potatoes. Add cubed ham to make this a main dish.

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 8-ounce package Fresh Express Sweet Butter Blend
- 1 cup cooked, diced potato with skin (about 4 ounces)
- 4 thin slices red onion, halved
- 1 cup (4 ounces) mild Swiss cheese, cut julienne
- 1/4 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- Mustard Vinaigrette
 - 4 tablespoons olive oil
 - 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, potatoes, onions, cheese and walnuts. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in a small bowl. Add to lettuce mixture. Serve immediately.

Hearty 5-Lettuce Salad With Bacon and Blue Cheese

This vibrant salad make a perfect flavor partner for roasted chicken — pick up a rotisserie chicken to make supper a breeze. For added crunch, toast pecans in a skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until fragrant.

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 10-ounce package Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix
- 1 crisp apple, such as Granny Smith or Fuji, cored and diced, about 2 cups
- 4 slices cooked bacon, diced
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup toasted pecan halves (optional)
- Creamy Vinaigrette
 - 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
 - 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl toss together lettuce, apple and bacon. For vinaigrette, whisk together all ingredients in small bowl; pour over salad and toss to coat evenly. Sprinkle with blue cheese and pecans, toss again and serve immediately.

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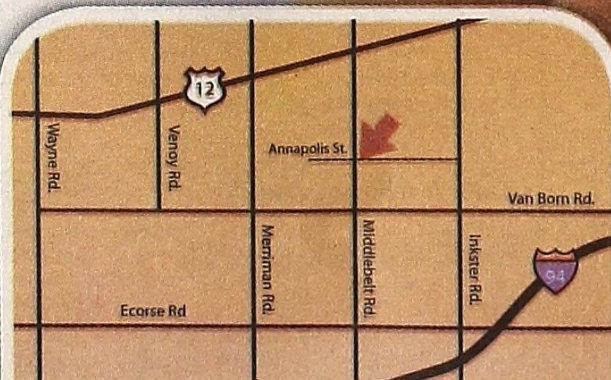
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